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For: EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES

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RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002, Applicants submit herewith the following remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance thereof. For the Examiner's convenience a complete list of the currently pending claims is attached hereto as Appendix A. Also enclosed herewith is a fee sheet with provision for the proper fee for the addition of one (1) additional independent claim.

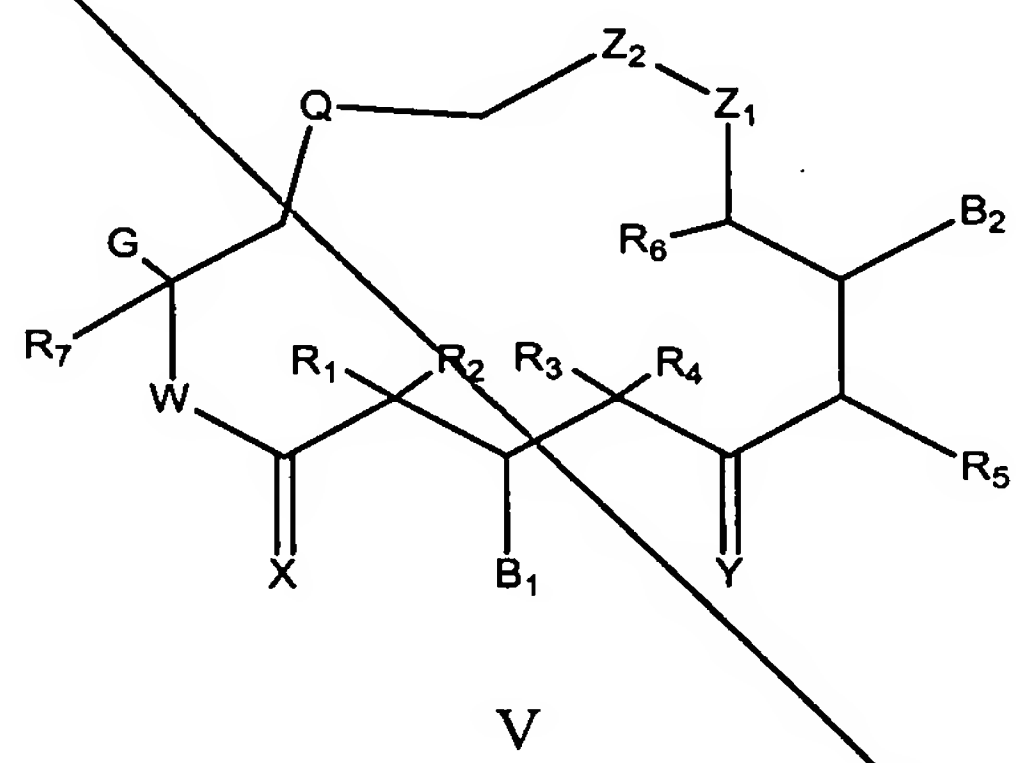
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